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OLMSTED PARK—WILLOW POND.



THE JOHNSON MEMORIAL FOUNTAIN.



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# DEPARTMENT OF PARKS.

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## COMMISSIONERS' REPORT.

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HON. PATRICK A. COLLINS,

*Mayor of the City of Boston :*

SIR, — The Board has the honor herewith to submit this report for the year ending January 31, 1903.

But one addition to our park area was made during the year: One and six-tenths acres, including parts of the private ways known as Reservoir road and Wade street, were added to Chestnut Hill park by a taking made November 12, 1902, which makes the area of that park in charge of this Board 55.4 acres. The area under the control of the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Board is 160.65 acres, of which 122.7 acres is in water.

To the playgrounds the following additions were made :

On May 16, 1902, 88,668 square feet of land in East Boston, bounded by Cottage, Gove, and Lubec streets, and private lots on Maverick street, were taken for a playground for Ward 2, and subsequently, on January 6, 1903, the Board took a further area of 79,126 square feet, which included a part of Lubec street, making the whole area of the playground 3.85 acres.

On June 26, 1902, the Board took 9.6 acres of land on Washington street and Florence street, between Forest Hills and Roslindale, and near the land previously taken from Harvard College for a playground. This last-named land was given back to the college, in accordance with its desire, and under the provisions of chapter 187 of the Acts of 1901.

On December 8, 1902, the Board added to the Columbus-avenue playground 4,397.4 square feet of land on Camden street, occupied by stables. This land was enclosed on three sides by the playground. It is hoped that the buildings may be found useful in connection with the work of the playground.

Oak square, Brighton, containing 9,796 square feet of land, formerly used for school purposes, was transferred to this department by the City Council March 24, 1902. The removal of the building and the grading of the site have made a marked improvement at this important street junction.

A contract was made December 2, 1902, for a building with lockers and shower-baths for the athletes, and sanitary accommodations in the basement at First-street playground, and plans for other much-needed sanitary and shelter buildings are under way.

Further appropriations are needed to make some of the playgrounds better serve the purpose for which they were acquired, as some of them are not yet provided with desirable conveniences and facilities for play.

A handsome fountain, designed by Mr. Guy Lowell, has been placed at the Westland avenue entrance of the Fens. This we owe to the generous bequest of Mrs. Ellen C. Johnson, in memory of her husband, Jesse C. Johnson, and to the intelligent and unremitting labors of her executrix, Mrs. Robert S. Russell.

A playground is needed in Jamaica Plain and one in the Centre street district, and much more space should be added to the Prince-street playground. A playground in the neighborhood of the Fellows-street playground, for the older youth, would be of much public benefit. The Board can only repeat its suggestion to our rich and public-spirited citizens that no better gift can be made to our city, and no more enduring monument obtained for the giver than a playground.

The pollution of the water in the Fens by the sewage discharge from Stony Brook menaces the health of the residents in this part of the city, and is an annoyance to visitors to this park. It is a serious obstacle to the improvement of the neighboring territory. This matter has received careful consideration by this Board. We have called attention to it in previous reports and in communications to the Mayor and the Board of Health. This Board is powerless in the matter, which now rests with the Street Department. The report of the Commission on the Charles River dam,

appointed by a resolve of the Legislature of last year, is awaited with interest, as it will deal with this question as well as others affecting the Fens basin. No time should be lost in giving at least temporary relief to the Fens basin from the foul water which now enters into it. This is a most difficult and serious problem to the Park Department of Boston.

Full details of the work of the department during the year will be found in the accompanying reports of our Superintendent and Engineer.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES E. STRATTON,

LABAN PRATT,

JAMES M. PRENDERGAST,

*Commissioners.*

Boston, January 31, 1903.





## SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

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TO CHARLES E. STRATTON, LABAN PRATT AND JAMES  
M. PRENDERGAST, *Commissioners* :

GENTLEMEN, — I herewith submit a report of the work performed, under the direction of your Board, during the year 1902.

### FRANKLIN PARK.

The improvement in the old woodlands of Franklin Park resulting from the careful and continued thinning out of all overcrowding trees and the pruning off of dead and diseased branches is very marked. This is especially noticeable in the greater spread of branches in the trees and in the increase of desirable undergrowth. A considerable area of woodland has been cleared of tree weeds, notably in the woods opposite and west of the Overlook, on Juniper Hill, and in the woods bordering Morton street. On account of insufficient funds little was done the past season in adding loam to the sterile parts of the old woods. This is regrettable, and it is to be hoped, in the interests of the future, that sufficient money will be given the Board to permit the carrying on of this work.

Thinning out in the plantations was continued, as in past years, to allow room for the full development of trees and shrubs. A large part of the material removed was used in preparing new plantations, and the remainder was sold.

The larger part of the work of the past season in Franklin Park, however, consisted in the preparation of ground for planting and in the care of the young plantations. These plantations, owing to the dryness of the three preceding seasons, required constant cultivation and the application of mulchings for the conservation of moisture in the ground. This work extended generally over the entire system of parks, and, in consequence, the trees and the shrubs are in good growing condition.

The wall on Walnut avenue, between Seaver street and the entrance to Franklin Park, was completed last spring, and the slopes behind the wall were graded and planted. The construction of the widened street at this point by the Street Department would improve very much this important entrance to the park.

The drainage of the Nazingdale hollow was extended into Ellicottdale, and spurs were carried into the wet spots. It is expected that this will complete the tile-drainage of the golf course. The beech plantation near the Refectory also was tile-drained.

The public have shown much interest in a small collection of native wild fowl colonized at Scarboro' Pond. In view of this arrangements have been made for additions to the number of species. The location is an admirable one for this purpose, as the pond contains three islands well suited for nesting and for protection from dogs. The pond is also a favorite resort of the public.

Several pieces of iron and wood-working machinery have been purchased for our repair shops. Our equipment now enables us to do all our repair work at home, including machine and blacksmith work, horseshoeing, carpentering, plumbing, painting, pipe-work and harnessmaking.

#### ARNOLD ARBORETUM.

The usual care of the roads and walks was continued.

#### OLMSTED PARK AND RIVERWAY.

Along the Riverway and the shores of Leverett Pond the work of extending the loam bed to the water's edge is in progress. This work will be completed in time to allow of the planting in the spring of shrubbery nearly to the shore line. Semi-aquatic plants will be planted along the shores. This treatment, by softening the present hard shore line, will greatly improve this beautiful piece of water.

The eight pairs of European swans purchased and placed in Jamaica Pond, and the native geese and ducks, proved very attractive to our many visitors.



OLMSTED PARK — HEAD OF LEVERETT POND.





## THE FENS.

The subject of the Fens is a discouraging one, not alone from the foul condition of its pond, but from the fact that its horticultural possibilities are curtailed by a lack of loam and by the sterile underlying gravel.

By constant tilth, shrubbery may be kept in good growth, yet trees cannot attain fair proportions under such conditions. From time to time additions of loam should be made until the accumulated depth is sufficient in body to afford nutrition for large growth, and, at the same time, to conserve the moisture, which is now quickly absorbed by the gravelly subsoil.

The trees bordering the drives have had additions made to their loam beds until they now have a continuous bed of loam eight feet wide by three and one-half feet in depth. Further additions of loam will be required before a fine avenue of trees can be expected. Appropriations for increasing the depth of soil in the Fens would be a wise measure, in view of its importance to the future.

## COMMONWEALTH AVENUE.

The improved appearance resulting from the thinning out of the trees on the eastern end of Commonwealth avenue is clearly apparent. The remaining trees, many of them good specimens, can be seen in their individuality, and they now have more opportunity for the spread of their branches than when they were closely crowded. A thinning out of the younger trees, between Dartmouth street and Massachusetts avenue, was made during the past season. These trees had grown to a point where their branches were beginning to intermingle, and serious crowding and damage would soon have resulted. This portion of the avenue is underlaid mostly with porous gravel, which has a covering of loam not exceeding twelve or thirteen inches in thickness. These conditions certainly are not conducive to a growth of fine trees.

## CHARLESBANK.

This useful park continues to draw large numbers of people. The mounds are reserved for women and children ;

the men, however, have free access to the walks and the seats on the river front. The gymnasium at the east end is for men and boys, the other at the west end for women and children. Competent teachers are in charge of the gymnasia, those for the women's gymnasium being under the direction of the Massachusetts Emergency and Hygiene Association. Large numbers enjoy the skating furnished on the men's gymnasium grounds.

#### WOOD ISLAND PARK.

Tree growth on Wood Island continues to be satisfactory in spite of its exposure to strong winds; and the number of visitors, influenced by the improved conditions, increases with each year. The gymnasium, ball grounds, cricket grounds, tennis and foot-ball grounds and skating fields have been kept in good condition, and have been largely patronized during the past season.

#### CHARLESTOWN HEIGHTS.

Outside of the regular maintenance of the grounds, no work of importance was done at this park during the past season. Being located opposite a large school-house, and being a favorite resort for a considerable number of pupils, the upkeep is relatively large and is out of proportion to the extent of the grounds.

#### MARINE PARK.

In spite of its exposed position this valuable and beautiful breathing place is assuming quite a wooded appearance. The condition of the trees and shrubbery, like that at Wood Island Park, proves that the bleak shores and islands of the bay can be clothed with foliage.

No work other than that of maintenance was done the past season, with the exception of the planting of shrubbery in various places around the ponds.

On account of the coolness of the past summer bathers were not so numerous as during preceding summers. The band concerts given in July and August were attended by very large numbers of people. The steamboat service

between Castle Island and the public landing received the usual patronage.

#### STRANDWAY.

The work of filling, grading and road-making was continued on the Burnham wharf property. Sufficient ground was graded to form a good ball field of three diamonds, which were much used, as were later the three acres which were flooded for skating. The work of filling out into the bay by the teams of the Sanitary Department is still in progress.

#### CHESTNUT HILL PARK.

Outside of the regular maintenance work little was done in this park except the pruning and thinning out of the old woodlands. Some planting also was done, and preparation made for further planting in the spring. The acres added by purchase to the north border will permit of a wider planted belt, where a border screen is much needed.

#### BERNERS SQUARE.

In this newly acquired park some thinning of the trees was done. A small appropriation will suffice for grading and drainage.

#### DORCHESTER PARK AND WEST ROXBURY PARKWAY.

Overcrowding and diseased trees were thinned out. At West Roxbury Parkway the fine white oaks near Weld street were pruned of dead and diseased limbs. The ordinary maintenance of the wild bridle-path was continued.

#### THE NURSERY.

In the Franklin Field nursery a quantity of nursery stock from seed beds was set out last spring. The stock generally is in good condition, and affords a varied assortment of trees and shrubs from which to draw for planting. The newly broken ground was sowed to oats and millet for a forage crop. Subsequently the ground was twice ploughed, and it is now in fine condition for nursery work. To determine the species best adapted for golf greens and other games

requiring a tough turf, a collection of grasses was sown in the nursery last spring (for experiment and observation).

### FRANKLIN FIELD.

(77 Acres.)

The Stratton street and Blue Hill avenue borders of Franklin Field were graded, and reinforced in places with additional loam, for the belt of trees varying in width from forty to sixty feet to be planted in the coming spring. These trees will serve as a protection and a background for the field.

The Street Department having completed the drainage conduits early last spring we were enabled to level up and throw the whole field open to use. Subsequently this department filled the old open ditch along the Talbot avenue side, and prepared the ground along its course for a row of trees.

As set forth in recent reports the field generally is uneven from unequal settlements in the original grading. The work of regrading is too expensive to be undertaken under our maintenance appropriation.

The ball field is in increasing demand. On Saturday afternoons, especially, the whole area is occupied by baseball and cricket teams. About forty acres were flooded last winter for skating.

### CHRISTOPHER GIBSON PLAYGROUND.

Dorchester Avenue and Park Street.

(5.8 Acres.)

In the triangle, or children's corner, some simple apparatus was set up, which consisted of swings, swinging ladders and teeter boards. A small shelter pavilion was also built, a basket-ball outfit was supplied, and tennis courts were laid out. The games were carried on under the superintendence of a teacher, and this effort to interest the children and direct them in their play proved quite successful. The expense was light, and the results would fully justify the extension of this branch of playground work.





OLMSTED PARK — POOL NEAR WILLOW POND.



The field was well patronized during the season, commencing with base-ball, running through tennis, quoits, and ending with skating in winter.

#### SAVIN HILL BEACH.

Springdale Street, Dorchester.

(18.6 Acres.)

The bathing-house at this beach contains thirty-one rooms for women and fifty-four for men. The number of bathers last season was 65,500. The accommodations were found to be inadequate, and at times several persons had to occupy one room. The beach is well sheltered, and very popular with the residents of the neighborhood. Additional rooms are needed.

#### NEPONSET PLAYGROUND.

Neponset Avenue.

(18 Acres.)

No work other than that of maintenance was done on this playground. Settlements of the marsh under the filled part of the ground continue to give trouble. The ball field, however, was kept in fairly good condition. The skating field was flooded as usual.

#### MYSTIC PLAYGROUND.

Chelsea Street and Mystic River.

(2.3 Acres.)

Swings, teeter boards, ladders, and sand boxes were installed early last season at one end of the playground. A small pavilion was also built for shelter. This section was fenced off from the remainder of the playground by a woven wire fence. A teacher was employed, and this resulted in a crowded children's corner.

#### CHARLESTOWN PLAYGROUND.

Main and Alford Streets.

(14 Acres.)

The filling of this playground is not fully completed. There is, however, sufficient smoothly graded ground for

present demands, including an area of 2.2 acres for flooding for skating in winter.

### ROGERS PARK.

Lake and Foster Streets.

*(6.9 Acres.)*

The slope on the Foster street side of this park was planted with shrubs last spring, and some filling and grading was done on the playground. More graded space is needed, as this playground is much frequented by the young men of the neighborhood. To obtain this space it will be necessary to carry underground the brook now crossing the park. Other needs of this park are filling for the pond and play ground, also sanitary conveniences and a shelter.

### NORTH BRIGHTON PLAYGROUND.

Western Avenue and Harvard Street.

*(14 Acres.)*

No work other than that of maintenance was done at this playground the past season. An extension of the graded area is needed for playground purposes, as are also fences and the preparation of the ground for the planting of trees around its border. A shelter and sanitary building is also much needed. The skating field on this playground was flooded the past winter.

### BILLINGS FIELD.

Lagrange, near Centre Street, West Roxbury.

*(11 Acres.)*

The work of planting the slope at Bellevue street and grading and seeding the tennis courts was completed last spring. The Lagrange street border also was graded and prepared for planting with trees. Under-drainage was laid in various wet places, which, with the deepened outlet across Lagrange street, very much improved the grounds. A bog-hole under one portion of the field gives trouble by settling, and repeated filling has not yet found a solid bottom. The grounds were flooded as usual last winter for skating. Sanitary and shelter accommodations are needed.



## ROSLINDALE PLAYGROUND.

South Walter and Robert Streets.

*(3.7 Acres.)*

During last spring this playground was finely graded and seeded, making a very good field for ball playing. The grounds are popular and much used. On this account it was found necessary to remove the two large willows which stood in the centre of the playground and interfered with the games. A sanitary and shelter building is needed here, as are also a division fence between the Pearce property and the playground, and a retaining-wall on Robert street. A skating area of 1.6 acres was provided last winter.

## COLUMBUS-AVENUE PLAYGROUND.

*(4.8 Acres.)*

The smoke and dust of the neighboring railroad have proved too severe for the tender foliage of the Norway maples planted around the borders. No work of construction was done during the past season.

The same arrangement as to the management of the playground that obtained last year has been continued. The Park Department keeps charge of the ordinary maintenance of the grounds and the skating field, while the Civic League is allowed to assume the management and expenses of the games. The grounds were largely attended during the season.

## PRINCE-STREET PLAYGROUND.

Prince and North Bennet Streets.

*(0.4 Acre.)*

No work other than that of maintenance was done here during the past season.

## FIRST-STREET PLAYGROUND.

First and M Streets, South Boston.

*(4.6 Acres.)*

On account of the great difficulty experienced in holding water on this playground, and the consequent unsatisfactory



results, further effort to form an ice field for skating has been abandoned until a proper bottom can be made. In the mean time the Strandway playground, which contains a good field for ice, will serve this district for skating.

Bleachers with a seating capacity of 500 have been erected in the ball field.

### FELLOWS-STREET PLAYGROUND.

Fellows and Hunneman Streets.

*(0.85 Acre.)*

The introduction into this playground of apparatus for children's use made it at once popular. Instead of playing on the sidewalks, as had hitherto been their preference, the children swarmed into the playground. Children's allotment gardens were laid out and planted, and each owner of a plot vied with the other in bringing forth results. A little surreptitious changing of plants was done occasionally, yet a fair show remained to the end of the season, when the plants were taken by the children to their homes. The teacher, as at the other playgrounds, contributed largely to the success of the experiment. Sanitary accommodations are needed here, also an open-sided shelter over the sand boxes.

### WARD TWO PLAYGROUND.

Cottage Street, near Maverick Street, East Boston.

*(3.8 Acres.)*

A portion of the new playground acquired by purchase during the past year was roughly graded, and a base-ball field laid out for use last spring. This playground is conveniently situated for a well-populated district. Sanitary and shelter accommodations, fencing, and ground preparation for planting bordering trees are its needs.

### FOREST HILLS AND MT. HOPE PLAYGROUND.

*(9.6 Acres.)*

This playground, acquired by purchase during the past season, is conveniently located for the Forest Hills, Roslindale and Mt. Hope districts. The ground is nearly level, and will require comparatively little labor to bring it into

good condition for use. By using a six-ton steam roller last season two fairly good diamonds were made and equipped with backstops. The field was used also for foot-ball games last fall. An appropriation is needed for grading and for a sanitary building.

### OAK SQUARE.

Brighton.

(0.22 Acre.)

This small triangle, which was turned over to the Park Department by the City Council last season, contained an old school building. This has been removed, and the asphaltum flooring of the yard has been taken up. There are a few good trees on the triangle, and for their benefit some gravel was removed from the surface and loam substituted. A little additional loam is needed to finish the grading in readiness for seeding. The construction of a few seats under the shade of the trees will make a pleasant resting place.

### SPORTS AND PASTIMES.

An increased interest in golf was manifested the past season. The total attendance at the Franklin Park links was 47,469 as against 31,007 the previous year. The six-hole course for beginners proved of great service in relieving the nine-hole course from overcrowding, much of which had been caused by the slow play of novices in the game.

The increased demand for tennis courts necessitated the laying out of a number of new courts in various parts of the park system. We now have over one hundred courts in operation, which, on Saturdays and holidays, are all in use.

The past winter did not prove a satisfactory one for skating. Quickly alternating periods of frost, thaw, or snow made the maintenance of ice for skating very difficult. The following table gives statistics in detail :

## SKATING — SEASON 1902-1903.

Name.	Area, Acres.	Hockey Rinks.	No. of days Skating.	Approximate Attendance.
Billings Field.....	5.0	1	32	11,200
Charlesbank.....	1.4	..	26	18,300
Charlestown Playground.....	2.2	..	25	7,050
Columbus-avenue Playground.....	2.6	1	15	7,750
Christopher Gibson Playground.....	1.95	..	29	13,500
Franklin Field.....	35.0	2	30	70,075
Jamaica Pond.....	64.5	2	17	31,900
Neponset Playground.....	3.3	..	24	12,000
North Brighton Playground.....	3.3	1	17	1,950
Roslindale Playground.....	2.1	1	33	14,300
Strandway Playground.....	3.0	..	27	40,275
Scarboro' Pond.....	4.75	..	8	1,550
Wood Island Park.....	7.9	..	23	18,550
Totals.....	137	8	306	248,400

Curling was enjoyed by its devotees at Scarboro' pond. Several matched games were played, which were watched with interest by many people.

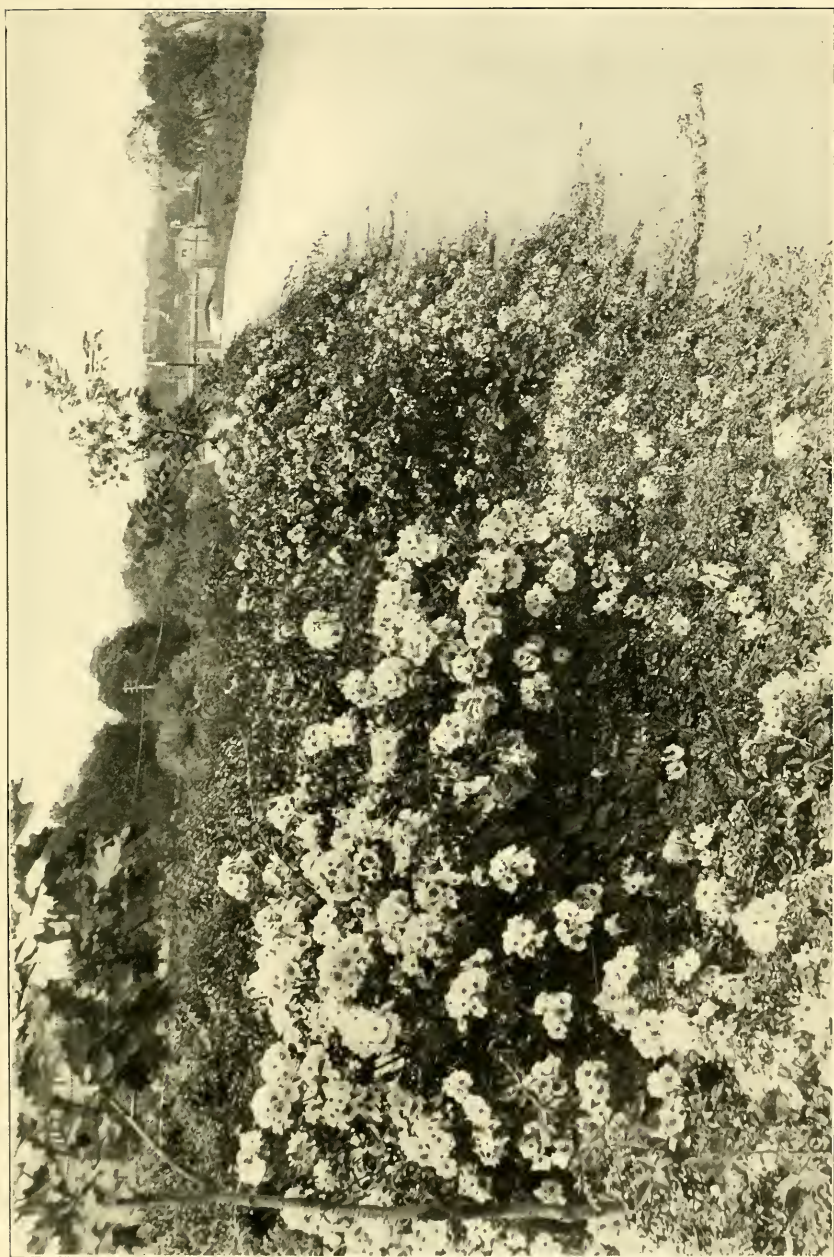
At the various playgrounds, base-ball, foot-ball, and cricket games were amply provided for, and largely attended both by players and spectators. Forty-four regularly equipped diamonds were maintained by the department. The Franklin Park playground, in addition, furnished accommodation for from twelve to fifteen games for boys and young men.

Details of measurements of work performed during the past season will be found in the report of the engineer.

Your Superintendent desires to note his appreciation of the able services of C. E. Putnam, engineer, and Messrs. J. B. Shea and J. W. Duncan, assistant superintendents, in the execution of the work of the department.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. PETTIGREW,  
*Superintendent.*



ARBORWAY—BORDER PLANTING.





## ENGINEER'S REPORT.

MR. JOHN A. PETTIGREW,

*Superintendent:*

DEAR SIR, — The following report for the year ending January 31, 1903, is submitted:

## COMMONWEALTH AVENUE.

Curbs across ends of planting spaces

raised and reset . . . . .	1,290 linear feet.
Area of walk resurfaced with gravel . . . . .	8,500 square yards.
Drain pipe laid, 10-inch . . . . .	245 linear feet.
Catch-basins built . . . . .	2.
Loam bought . . . . .	127 cubic yards.
Area regraded and seeded . . . . .	8 acres.

A new wearing floor has been laid on the bridge at Charlesgate, and the drive at Hotel Somerset has been changed to make a carriage entrance to the hotel.

## THE FENS.

The deposit of foul mud and sewage in the Fens Pond is probably as large as it was before the pond was partly cleaned in 1898, and, should the coming summer be unusually warm, the condition of the pond will be worse than ever before.

The cleaning of the pond will be very expensive, and, if done while the pollution of Stony Brook is allowed to continue, will give only partial relief, and that will be temporary. With the present quantity of pollution entering the pond it is impracticable, if not impossible, to maintain currents sufficient to prevent the fouling of the water and the continuous accumulations of deposits of foul mud.

The foul-flow conduit, often recommended by the Park and Street Departments, should be built at once, and immediately after it is built the pond should be thoroughly cleaned. It can then be easily kept clean and attractive, and, if the Charles-River dam is not built, will become, what it was designed to be, a salt-water basin surrounded by salt marshes; or, if the dam is built, it will become what will be much better, a sluggish fresh-water stream, flowing between low banks covered with a luxuriant vegetation.

The drinking fountain and ornamental gateway that is being erected at Westland entrance, under the will of the late Ellen C. Johnson, is nearly completed.

#### RIVERWAY.

A new wearing floor has been laid on the Audubon-road bridge, and the approach to Longwood bridge has been widened and surfaced.

#### OLMSTED PARK.

A floating island of barrels and timber, covered with loam one foot in depth, has been placed in Jamaica Pond for a nesting place for the water fowl.

Ten tennis courts have been laid out at Pine Bank, near Perkins street.

Loam bought	. . . . .	129 cubic yards.
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#### ARBORWAY.

A new wearing floor has been laid on the bridge over Stony Brook.

#### FRANKLIN PARK.

Boundary wall built	. . . . .	419 linear feet.
Walks graded and surfaced	. . . . .	1,100 square yards.
Drain pipe laid, 10-inch	. . . . .	125 linear feet.
Drain pipe laid, 2-inch	. . . . .	3,060 linear feet.
Bubble fountain erected	. . . . .	1.

The duck-house has been moved and enlarged; the temporary office and tool-house has been moved, and the interior

has been rearranged; and a temporary paint-shop has been built. Scarboro' Hill and Juniper Hill are being cleared of boulders.

#### ARNOLD ARBORETUM.

Drain pipe laid, 8-inch	. . .	450 linear feet.
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#### WEST ROXBURY PARKWAY.

Material from the widening of Walter street has been spread in the grove between Centre and Walter streets.

#### FRANKLIN FIELD.

The drainage ditch along Talbot avenue has been filled, and the grading and loaming of that side of the field has been completed.

#### STRANDWAY.

Two wharves and about thirty old buildings have been removed from the land recently taken near Mercer street. The grading and loaming of Columbia road across this land has been nearly completed, and the Telford foundation has been laid on 1,000 linear feet of the driveway. At the head of Old Harbor street there is an area of about 70 acres of flats and marsh inside of the harbor line that can be filled. This is an excellent location for a large athletic field.

Curbstone set	. . . . .	1,065 linear feet.
Telford foundation laid	. . . . .	4,220 square yards.
Drain pipe laid:		
18-inch	. . . . .	15 linear feet.
15-inch	. . . . .	550 linear feet.
10-inch	. . . . .	290 linear feet.
Water pipe laid, 4-inch	. . . . .	90 linear feet.
Catch-basins built	. . . . .	10.
Loam bought	. . . . .	8,327 cubic yards.
Filling bought	. . . . .	7,696 cubic yards.

#### CHESTNUT HILL PARK.

Additional land taken	. . . . .	69,541 square feet.
Tile drain laid, 2-inch	. . . . .	1,900 linear feet.
Tennis courts laid out	. . . . .	3.

## OAK SQUARE.

The old school-house has been moved and the ground graded.

Loam bought . . . . .	207 cubic yards.
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## COLUMBUS AVENUE PLAYGROUND.

The Civic League has built a fence along Columbus avenue and extended observation seats 150 feet.

## NORTH BRIGHTON PLAYGROUND.

Filling bought . . . . .	290 cubic yards.
Loam bought . . . . .	149 cubic yards.

## ROGERS PARK.

The Faneuil Valley brook conduit, above and below the park, has been built, and should be extended across the park. It will cost about \$3,000.

Filling bought . . . . .	1,818 cubic yards.
Loam bought . . . . .	533 cubic yards.

## FELLOWS-STREET PLAYGROUND.

The boundary fence has been lowered, and twelve swings and five tilting ladders have been erected.

## ROSLINDALE PLAYGROUND.

The ground has been cleared of stones and trees, and 307 linear feet of tile drain has been laid to take away the leakage through the dike.

## BILLINGS FIELD.

Drinking fountains erected . . . . .	1.
Tile drain laid . . . . .	150 linear feet.
Filling bought . . . . .	1,561 cubic yards.
Loam bought . . . . .	339 cubic yards.

## CHRISTOPHER GIBSON PLAYGROUND.

Twelve swings and five tilting ladders have been erected.

## FIRST-STREET PLAYGROUND.

A locker building and sanitary, which will contain shower baths and 282 lockers, to be used in connection with the gymnasium, also sanitary accommodations for men and women, is being erected, and will be completed about May 1.

## MYSTIC PLAYGROUND.

Twelve swings and five tilting ladders have been erected.

C. E. PUTNAM,  
*Assistant Engineer.*



REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE MASSACHU-  
SETTS EMERGENCY AND HYGIENE ASSOCIATION  
IN CHARGE OF THE WOMEN'S AND CHILDREN'S  
DIVISION AT CHARLESBANK.

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BOSTON, January 5, 1903.

*To the Honorable Board of Park Commissioners :*

GENTLEMEN, — The gymnastic and educational work at Charlesbank continues with unabated zeal, though we have no new features of special interest to report to you for this, the twelfth year of our superintendence of the place.

During the summer season, from May 15 to October 1, the number in the gymnasium on a hot day at noon varied from two or three to two hundred or more on a fine Saturday afternoon. On the playground there were slightly fewer than last year, owing probably to the number of cool, misty, damp days. At times, however, several hundred appeared there and in the sand-boxes, one hundred and twenty-five often playing together in a single game at one time.

There were the usual class lessons for beginners and for advanced work, as well as the free or voluntary gymnastic work, one class in the middle of the summer meeting at 6.30 P.M. The "Little Beginners'" class met on Saturday mornings, with an enrolment of sixty-two and an average attendance of twenty-four, but the "Big Beginners" had a hundred and eighteen names on their roll. The devices of plays in the sand-boxes and of games, gymnastic and otherwise, were endless. The kindergarten occupations and the dolls' dress-making classes were unusually successful. The hurdy-gurdy, provided once a week by a friend, in the summer, was as much enjoyed by the mothers as by the dancers.

Books, magazines and games have been given by many friends, though more are always wanted, which occupy and amuse the children in hot summer days as well as in winter, after the class work is over.

Spray baths were used by large numbers of the children who wore bloomers. One thousand seven hundred and eleven baths were taken from June 1 to September 9, exclusive of those taken by the women after class work, of which no record is kept.

Owing to the illness of Miss Cutler for many weeks, her place was filled by Miss Agnes Otis Brigham, whose assistants were Miss Mannship, Miss Haskell and Miss Phelps. In the autumn, Miss Cutler resumed her position and is in sole charge of the winter work, when all the movable apparatus is placed in the large upper hall.

From October 1 to May 15 there are two evening classes for grown-up girls, and two morning classes for women and four classes for children (three in the afternoons when school is over and one on Saturday mornings), who, after their regular gymnastic exercise, are allowed the delights of "scrapping"; that is, of pasting printed anecdotes, verses and pictures in scrap books, each child having her own hero or heroine, McKinley, Lincoln, Ralph Waldo Emerson, Queen Victoria being favorite subjects for enterprise. This side development of Charlesbank under the guidance of Miss Cutler, which yet is not allowed to interfere with its legitimate work, is bringing large influences for good into the lives of the children.

Miss Crowley is the pianist for the winter classes, her salary being borne by the association and the piano being lent by a friend.

The committee is very grateful for the wise attention given by Mr. Pettigrew and his assistants to the interests of Charlesbank and for their readiness to confer with your committee in all helpful ways.

Respectfully submitted,

KATE GANNETT WELLS,  
ANNA PHILLIPS WILLIAMS,  
MABEL DELANO LORD,

*For the Committee.*

## FINANCIAL STATEMENTS.

## I.

*Expenditures for Land, Construction and Maintenance from  
February 1, 1902, to January 31, 1903.*

PARKS.	Page.	Land.	Construc- tion.	Main- tenance.	Totals.
<b>Main Park System:</b>					
Commonwealth avenue....	30	.....	\$1,541 08	\$19,953 00	\$21,494 08
Fens .....	30	.....	1,652 00	13,517 18	15,169 18
Riverway.....	31	.....	2,486 06	10,967 53	13,453 59
Olmsted Park.....	32	.....	3,702 80	21,902 37	25,605 17
Arborway.....	32	.....	687 51	6,703 74	7,391 25
Arnold Arboretum.....	33	.....	474 52	5,679 18	6,153 70
West Roxbury Parkway...	33	.....	601 22	1,054 37	1,655 59
Franklin Park.....	34	.....	24,466 35	55,140 36	79,606 71
<b>Marine Park System:</b>					
Columbia Road *.....	35	\$537 84	32,136 43	4,163 58	36,837 85
Dorchesterway.....	36	.....	.....	12 80	12 80
Strandway.....	36	950 00	37,681 52	267 56	38,899 08
Marine Park.....	37	.....	850 19	6,243 51	7,093 70
Wood Island Park.....	37	.....	451 17	7,265 50	7,716 67
Charlesbank.....	38	.....	469 38	10,440 79	10,910 17
Charlestown Helghts.....	38	.....	248 51	2,630 25	2,878 76
Charlestown Playground...	39	.....	.....	1,454 49	1,454 49
Dorchester Park.....	39	715 40	733 44	540 00	1,988 84
Franklin Field.....	40	.....	2,920 51	8,271 16	11,191 67
North End Beach.....	40	.....	.....	10 83	10 83
Copp's Hill Terraces.....	41	.....	7 25	335 44	342 69
Chestnut Hill Park.....	41	23,978 33	1,869 07	3,502 82	29,350 22
North Brighton Playground,	42	.....	.....	1,889 65	1,889 65
Neponset Playground.....	42	.....	.....	1,472 41	1,472 41
Billings Field.....	42	.....	3,249 76	1,675 29	4,925 05
First-street Playground....	43	.....	463 01	1,005 00	1,468 01
Prince-street Playground...	43	19,500 00	.....	225 33	19,725 33
<i>Carried forward.....</i>	....	\$45,681 57	\$116,691 78	\$186,324 14	\$348,697 49

\* Of this amount \$32,295.61 was expended by Street Department.

EXPENDITURES FOR LAND, ETC. — *Concluded.*

PARKS.	Page.	Land.	Construction.	Maintenance.	Totals.
<i>Brought forward</i> .....	....	\$45,681 57	\$116,691 78	\$186,324 14	\$348,697 49
Mystic Playground.....	44	.....	.....	1,642 98	1,642 98
Fellows-street Playground..	44	.....	.....	1,402 77	1,402 77
Christopher Gibson Play-ground.....	44	.....	.....	2,068 29	2,068 29
Rogers Park.....	44	.....	10 50	1,077 04	1,087 54
Columbus-avenue Play-ground.....	45	39,592 71	.....	2,995 19	42,587 90
Ashmont Playground.....	45	43,902 91	.....	42 00	43,944 91
Savin Hill Playground.....	45	.....	.....	1,033 33	1,033 33
Roslindale Playground.....	46	.....	.....	1,454 95	1,454 95
Forest Hills Playground.....	46	25,010 00	.....	129 07	25,139 07
Playground, Ward 2.....	46	47,002 32	.....	314 83	47,317 15
Trinity Triangle.....	46	.....	.....	2 00	2 00
Berners Square.....	47	.....	159 45	7 00	166 45
Oak Square.....	47	.....	320 51	36 75	357 26
Playgrounds, Investigating sites.....	47	17 00	.....	.....	17 00
Office expenses.....	47	.....	.....	10,056 40	10,056 40
Totals.....	....	\$201,206 51	\$117,182 24	\$208,586 74	\$526,975 49

## II.

*Expenditures of this Department in detail from February 1,  
1902, to January 31, 1903.*

## COMMONWEALTH AVENUE.

## CONSTRUCTION.

*Roadways, Gutters, and Drainage.*

Roads and walks: labor	.	.	.	\$726 13
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*Plantations.*

Labor and materials	.	.	.	660 62
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*Grading, Loam, and General Work.*

Loam: materials	.	.	\$74 33
Engineers: labor	.	.	30 00
General Work: labor	.	.	8 25
			<hr/> 112 58

*Lawns and Woods.*

Labor	.	.	.	.	.	41 75
						<hr/> \$1,541 08

## MAINTENANCE.

*Roads, Walks, Grounds, Drainage, and General Work.*

Roads: labor and materials	.	.	\$12,463 04
Grounds: labor and materials	.	.	4,945 59
Walks: labor and materials	.	.	1,234 94
Drainage: labor and materials	.	.	644 69
General Work: labor and ma-			
terials	.	.	503 02
Engineers: labor	.	.	140 00
Loam: material	.	.	21 72
			<hr/> 19,953 00
			<hr/> \$21,494 08

## FENS.

## CONSTRUCTION.

*Plantations.*

Labor and materials	.	.	.	\$1,142 77
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*Roadways, Gutters, and Drainage.*

Roads and walks: labor	\$458 96
Drainage: labor	2 75
	<hr/> 461 71

*Lawns and Woods.*

Labor and materials	.	.	.	28 16
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<i>Amounts carried forward,</i>	\$1,632 64	<hr/> \$21,494 08
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*Amounts brought forward,*                      \$1,632 64                      \$21,494 08

*Grading, Loam, and General Work.*

Loam: materials . . .	\$9 75		
Grading: labor . . .	9 61		
	<hr/>	19 36	
		<hr/>	\$1,652 00

MAINTENANCE.

*Road, Walks, Grounds, Drainage, and General Work.*

Roads: labor and materials . . .	\$7,177 42		
Grounds: labor and materials . . .	4,581 09		
Walks: labor and materials . . .	772 09		
General work: labor and materials . . .		503 42	
Engineers: labor and materials . . .	204 85		
Drainage: labor and materials . . .	114 41		
Live stock: labor and materials . . .	85 44		
Boat landing: materials . . .	43 01		
Fence: materials . . .	16 36		
Buildings: materials . . .	10 64		
Loam: materials . . .	8 45		
	<hr/>	13,517 18	
		<hr/>	15,169 18

RIVERWAY.

CONSTRUCTION.

*Plantations.*

Labor and materials . . . \$1,506 48

*Lawns and Woods.*

Labor and materials . . . 467 48

*Roadways, Gutters, and Drainage.*

Roads and walks: labor . . . 323 91

*Grading, Loam, and General Work.*

Loam: materials . . .	\$133 18		
Grading: labor . . .	30 51		
Engineers: labor . . .	20 00		
General work: labor . . .	4 50		
	<hr/>	188 19	
		<hr/>	\$2,486 06

MAINTENANCE.

*Road, Walks, Grounds, Buildings, Drainage, and General Work.*

Roads: labor and materials . . .	\$5,494 46		
Grounds: labor and materials . . .	3,452 00		
Buildings: labor and materials . . .	913 16		
General work: labor and materials, . . .	541 30		
Walks: labor and materials . . .	310 48		
Drainage: labor . . .	140 68		
Engineers: labor . . .	111 50		
Loam: materials . . .	3 95		
	<hr/>	10,967 53	
		<hr/>	13,453 59

*Amount carried forward,*                      \$50,116 85

Amount brought forward,

\$50,116 85

## OLMSTED PARK.

## CONSTRUCTION.

*Plantations.*

Labor and materials . . . \$1,829 73

*Lawns and Woods.*

Labor and materials . . . 1,358 76

*Roadways, Gutters and Drainage.*

Roads and walks : labor \$386 77

Drainage: labor . . 25 00

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411 77*Grading, Loam and General Work.*

Engineers : labor . . \$36 50

Grading: labor . . 34 55

General work : labor . 13 00

Loam: materials . . 12 99

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97 04*Signs.*

Signs: materials . . . 5 50

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3,702 80

## MAINTENANCE.

*Roads, Walks, Grounds, Buildings, Drainage and General Work.*

Grounds: labor and materials . \$8,479 34

Roads: labor and materials . 5,851 12

General work: labor and materials, 2,608 21

Buildings: labor and materials . 1,936 91

Skating: labor and materials . 1,807 57

Walks: labor and materials . 510 35

Engineers: labor and materials . 266 60

Drainage: labor . . . 201 35

Live stock: labor and materials . 103 25

Loam: materials . . . 82 66

Boating service: labor . . 31 19

Fence: materials . . . 23 82

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21,902 37

25,605 17

## ARBORWAY.

## CONSTRUCTION.

*Plantations.*

Labor and materials . . . \$542 18

*Roadways, Gutters and Drainage.*

Roads and walks: labor . . 127 33

Amounts carried forward,

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\$669 51

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\$75,722 02

<i>Amounts brought forward,</i>	\$669 51	\$75,722 02
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### Grading, Loam and General Work.

General work: labor	16 00
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*Lawns and Woods.*

Labor	.	.	.	.	.	.	2 00	
							<u>        </u>	\$687 51

### MAINTENANCE.

### Roads, Walks, Grounds, Drainage and General Work.

Roads: labor and materials . . .	\$4,151 78	
Grounds: labor and materials . . .	2,079 36	
Walks: labor and materials . . .	271 46	
Drainage: labor . . . . .	70 98	
Engineers: labor . . . . .	68 00	
General work: materials . . .	62 16	
	<u>6,703 74</u>	
		<u>7,391 25</u>

ARNOLD ARBORETUM AND BUSSEY PARK.

### CONSTRUCTION.

### Roadways, Gutters and Drainage.

Roads and walks: labor	\$401 99	
Drainage: labor . . .	36 03	
	<u>          </u>	\$438 02

### Grading, Loam and General Work.

General Work: labor . . . . .	20 50
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*Lawns and Woods.*

Labor . . . . .	16 00	
	<u>          </u>	\$474 52

### MAINTENANCE.

### Roads, Walks, Grounds, Drainage and General Work.

Roads: labor and materials . . .	\$3,937 25	
Drainage: labor and materials . .	641 75	
Walks: labor . . . . .	489 57	
General work: labor and materials,	369 38	
Engineers: labor . . . . .	125 50	
Grounds: labor and materials . .	115 73	
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	5,679 18	
	<hr/>	\$6,153 70

WEST ROXBURY PARKWAY.

### CONSTRUCTION.

*Lawns and Woods.*

Labor	.	.	.	.	.	.	\$463 24
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Amounts carried forward,	\$463 24	\$89,266 97
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*Amounts brought forward,*

\$24,466 35    \$90,922 56

## MAINTENANCE.

*Roads, Walks, Grounds, Buildings, Drainage and General Work.*

Grounds: labor and materials . . .	\$26,171 62		
Roads: labor and materials . . .	11,862 59		
Buildings: labor and materials . . .	7,986 31		
General work: labor and materials, . . .	4,971 76		
Walks: labor and materials . . .	1,487 88		
Skating: labor . . . . .	777 45		
Live stock: labor and materials . . .	353 03		
Drainage: labor and materials . . .	306 20		
Engineers: labor and materials . . .	280 55		
Water supply and fountains: materials . . . . .	131 00		
Fence: materials . . . . .	27 37		
	<hr/>	55,140 36	
			79,606 71

## COLUMBIA ROAD.

## LAND.

Proportion of amount paid by Street Department for land, and expenses chargeable to this department . . . . .	\$537 84
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## CONSTRUCTION.

Proportion of amount paid by Street Department for construction, chargeable to this department . . . . .	\$31,757 77
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*Plantations.*

Labor and materials . . . . .	348 94
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*Roadways, Gutters, and Drainage.*

Roads and walks: labor, . . . . .	\$19 72		
Drainage: labor . . . . .	10 00		
	<hr/>	29 72	
			32,136 43

## MAINTENANCE.

*Roads, Walks, Grounds, Drainage, and General Work.*

Roads: labor and materials . . . . .	\$3,261 75		
Grounds: labor and materials . . . . .	320 08,		
Drainage: labor and materials . . . . .	302 33		
Walks: labor and materials . . . . .	175 50		
Engineers: labor . . . . .	61 00		
General work: materials . . . . .	42 92		
	<hr/>	4,163 58	
			36,837 85
<i>Amount carried forward,</i>			<hr/>
			\$207,367 12



Amount brought forward,

\$207,367 12

## DORCHESTERWAY.

## MAINTENANCE.

*Roads, Walks, Grounds, and Drainage.*

Engineers: labor . . . . .	\$10 00	
Walks: materials . . . . .	2 80	
	<hr/>	12 80

## STRANDWAY.

## LAND.

Expenses . . . . .	\$950 00
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## CONSTRUCTION.

*Roadways, Gutters, and Drainage.*

Roads and walks: labor and materials . . .	\$15,320 42	
Drainage: labor and materials . . .	2,797 70	
	<hr/>	\$18,118 12

*Grading, Loam, and General Work.*

Grading: labor and materials . . .	\$9,477 93	
Loam: materials . . .	4,907 35	
Engineers: labor and materials . . .	1,196 84	
General work: labor and materials . . .	345 74	
	<hr/>	15,927 86

*Filling.*

Materials . . . . .	2,406 01
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*Plantations.*

Labor and materials . . . . .	1,058 52
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*Water Supply.*

Materials . . . . .	86 51
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*Temporary Building.*

Materials . . . . .	80 00
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*Lawns and Woods.*

Labor . . . . .	4 50	
	<hr/>	37,681 52

## MAINTENANCE.

*Roads, Walks, Grounds, Buildings and Drainage.*

Skating: labor . . . . .	\$174 20	
Grounds: labor and materials . . .	45 70	
Engineers: labor . . . . .	26 50	
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Amounts carried forward,	\$246 40	\$38,631 52 \$207,379 92

<i>Amounts brought forward,</i>	\$246 40	\$38,631 52	\$207,379 92
General work: labor and materials,	19 63		
Roads: materials . . . . .	1 53		
	<hr/>	267 56	
		<hr/>	38,899 08

## MARINE PARK.

## CONSTRUCTION.

*Plantations.*

Labor and materials . . . . .	\$593 68
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*Grading, Loam, and General Work.*

Grading: labor . . . . .	\$156 54
General work: labor . . . . .	75 75
Engineers: labor . . . . .	5 97
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	238 26

*Roadways, Gutters, and Drainage.*

Roads and walks: labor,	\$10 00
Drainage: labor . . . . .	8 25
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	18 25
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	\$850 19

## MAINTENANCE.

*Roads, Walks, Grounds, Buildings, Drainage, and General Work.*

Grounds: labor and materials . . . . .	\$2,937 04
Buildings: labor and materials . . . . .	1,264 26
Roads: labor and materials . . . . .	714 20
Walks: labor and materials . . . . .	628 46
General work: labor and materials,	500 21
Boating service: materials . . . . .	99 13
Engineers: labor . . . . .	92 75
Drainage: labor . . . . .	6 56
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	6,243 51
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	7,093 70

## WOOD ISLAND PARK.

## CONSTRUCTION.

*Plantations.*

Labor and materials . . . . .	\$266 64
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*Lawns and Woods.*

Labor . . . . .	88 00
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*Grading, Loam and General Work.*

General work: labor . . . . .	\$25 00
Engineers: labor . . . . .	20 00
Grading: labor . . . . .	9 53
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	54 53

*Roadways, Gutters, and Drainage.*

Roads and walks: labor . . . . .	42 00
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	451 17
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<i>Amounts carried forward,</i>	\$451 17
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	\$253,372 70

*Amounts brought forward,*

\$451 17 \$253,372 70

## MAINTENANCE.

*Roads, Walks, Grounds, Buildings, Drainage, and General Work.*

Men's gymnasium —

Grounds, apparatus and building:

labor and materials . . .	\$3,327 82
Grounds: labor and materials . .	2,483 48
Skating: labor and materials . .	527 37
General work: labor and materials,	495 37
Walks: labor and materials . . .	332 96
Engineers: labor . . . . .	66 00
Drainage: labor . . . . .	32 50

7,265 50

7,716 67

## CHARLESBANK.

## CONSTRUCTION.

*Plantations.*

Labor . . . . . \$271 98

*Grading, Loam and General Work.*

General work: labor . . .	\$75 00
Grading: labor . . . . .	30 52
Loam: materials . . . . .	8 88
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	114 40

*Lawns and Woods.*

Labor . . . . . 83 00

\$469 38

## MAINTENANCE.

*Grounds, Walks, Buildings and General Work.*

Grounds: labor and materials . . \$3,524 89

Men's gymnasium —

Grounds, apparatus and building: labor and materials . . 3,107 79

Women's gymnasium —

Grounds, apparatus and building: labor and materials . . 3,035 88

Skating: labor and materials . . 374 99

General work: labor and materials . . . . . 220 98

Loam: materials . . . . . 79 52

Walks: labor and materials . . . . . 75 82

Drainage: labor . . . . . 11 17

Engineers: labor . . . . . 9 75

10,440 79

10,910 17

## CHARLESTOWN HEIGHTS.

## CONSTRUCTION.

*Plantations.*

Labor and materials . . . . . \$239 46

*Amounts carried forward,*

\$239 46

\$271,999 54

*Amounts brought forward,* \$239 46 \$271,999 54

*Grading, Loam and General Work.*

Grading: labor	9 05	
	<hr/>	\$248 51

MAINTENANCE.

*Grounds, Walks, Buildings, Drainage and General Work.*

Grounds: labor and materials	\$1,765 62	
Buildings: labor and materials	437 04	
Walks: labor and materials	373 98	
Drainage: labor and materials	38 50	
General work: materials	15 11	
	<hr/>	2,630 25
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		2,878 76

CHARLESTOWN PLAYGROUND.

MAINTENANCE.

*Grounds, Walks, Drainage and General Work.*

Grounds: labor and materials	\$894 23	
Skating: labor and materials	431 73	
General work: materials	51 72	
Walks: labor	39 45	
Drainage: labor	17 90	
Loam: materials	12 96	
Engineers: labor	6 50	
	<hr/>	1,454 49

DORCHESTER PARK.

LAND.

Amount paid for land	\$715 40
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CONSTRUCTION.

*Lawns and Woods.*

Labor	\$699 07
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*Grading, Loam and General Work.*

General work: labor	\$17 25	
Engineers: labor	13 50	
Grading: labor	3 62	
	<hr/>	34 37
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		733 44

MAINTENANCE.

*Grounds, Walks, Buildings, Drainage and General Work.*

Grounds: labor	\$363 55	
Buildings: labor and materials	121 70	
Engineers: labor	26 50	
Skating: labor	14 50	
Walks: labor	13 75	
	<hr/>	540 00
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		1,988 84

<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	\$278,321 63
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Amount brought forward,

\$278,321 63

## FRANKLIN FIELD.

## CONSTRUCTION.

*Grading, Loam and General Work.*

Grading : labor and materials . . . .	\$1,478 00	
Engineers : labor . . . .	14 75	
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*Plantations.*

Labor and materials . . . .	1,210 62	
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*Walks, Gutters, and Drainage.*

Drainage : labor . . . .	97 64	
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*Shelter Building.*

Labor . . . . .	75 00	
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*Lawns and Woods.*

Labor . . . . .	27 75	
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*Walls.*

Labor . . . . .	16 75	
	<hr/>	\$2,920 51

## MAINTENANCE.

*Grounds, Walks, Buildings, Drainage and General Work.*

Grounds : labor and materials . . . .	\$4,839 20	
Sheepfold : labor and materials . . . .	1,426 92	
Skating : labor and materials . . . .	1,351 48	
General work : labor and materials . . . .	359 85	
Buildings : labor and materials . . . .	158 82	
Drainage : labor and materials . . . .	63 69	
Engineers : labor . . . . .	60 00	
Walks : materials . . . . .	11 20	
	<hr/>	8,271 16
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		11,191 67

## NORTH END BEACH.

## MAINTENANCE.

*Grounds, Walks and Buildings.*

Grounds : labor . . . . .	10 83	
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Amount carried forward,

\$289,524 13



Amount brought forward,

\$239,524 13

## COPP'S HILL TERRACES.

## CONSTRUCTION.

*Grading, Loam and General Work.*

General work : labor . . . . . \$7 25

## MAINTENANCE.

*Grounds, Walks, Drainage and General Work.*

Grounds : labor . . . . . \$332 19

Walks : materials . . . . . 3 25

335 44

342 69

## CHESTNUT HILL PARK.

## LAND.

Amount paid for land . . . . . \$23,954 70

Expenses . . . . . 23 63

\$23,978 33

## CONSTRUCTION.

*Roadways, Gutters and Drainage.*

Drainage : labor . . . . . \$782 15

Roads and walks : labor  
and materials . . . . . 25 00\$807 15*Plantations.*

Labor and materials . . . . . 758 23

*Lawns and Woods.*

Labor and materials . . . . . 255 69

*Grading, Loam and General Work.*

Engineers : labor . . . . . 48 00

1,869 07

## MAINTENANCE.

*Roads, Walks, Grounds, Buildings, Drainage and General Work.*

Grounds : labor and materials . . . \$1,961 05

Roads : labor . . . . . 1,224 02

Walks : labor . . . . . 140 74

General work : materials . . . . . 81 58

Drainage : labor . . . . . 74 93

Buildings : labor . . . . . 10 50

Engineers : labor . . . . . 10 00

3,502 8229,350 22

Amount carried forward,

\$319,217 04

Amount brought forward,

\$319,217 04

## NORTH BRIGHTON PLAYGROUND.

## MAINTENANCE.

*Grounds, Walks, Drainage and General Work.*

Grounds : labor . . . . .	\$973 92
Skating : labor and materials . . . . .	713 23
Loam : materials . . . . .	99 21
General work : materials . . . . .	39 89
Walks : labor . . . . .	39 25
Drainage : labor . . . . .	17 65
Engineers : labor . . . . .	6 50
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1,889 65

## NEPONSET PLAYGROUND.

## MAINTENANCE.

*Grounds, Walks, Drainage and General Work.*

Grounds : labor and materials . . . . .	\$991 82
Skating : labor and materials . . . . .	362 98
Engineers : labor . . . . .	75 00
Drainage : labor and materials . . . . .	26 13
General work : labor and materials . . . . .	14 48
Walks : labor . . . . .	2 00
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1,472 41

## BILLINGS FIELD.

## CONSTRUCTION.

*Grading, Loam and General Work.*

Grading : labor and ma-	
terials . . . . .	\$1,621 01
Engineers : labor . . . . .	33 50
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	\$1,654 51

*Filling.*

Materials . . . . .	739 46
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*Plantations.*

Labor and materials . . . . .	363 10
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*Walks and Drainage.*

Drainage : labor and materials . . . . .	244 44
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*Gynasium Apparatus.*

Toboggan slide : materials, . . . . .	\$228 65
Gymnasium apparatus :	
materials . . . . .	11 30
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	239 95

*Water Supply and Fountains.*

Fountain : materials . . . . .	8 30
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	\$3,249 76

Amounts carried forward,

\$3,249 76 \$322,579 10

Amounts brought forward,

\$3,249 76 \$322,579 10

## MAINTENANCE.

*Grounds, Walks, Drainage and General Work.*

Grounds: labor and materials . . .	\$910 86		
Skating: labor and materials . . .	571 53		
Filling: materials . . . . .	53 03		
Loam: materials . . . . .	49 96		
Engineers: labor . . . . .	35 25		
General work: materials . . . .	27 38		
Buildings: materials . . . . .	20 00		
Drainage: labor and materials . .	7 28		
	<hr/>	1,675 29	
		<hr/>	4,925 05

## FIRST STREET PLAYGROUND.

## CONSTRUCTION.

*Locker and Lavatory Building.*

Wales & Holt: architects' commission . . . .	\$187 50	
Advertising . . . . .	37 40	
	<hr/>	\$224 90

*Walks and Drainage.*

Drainage: labor . . . . .	122 61
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*Grading, Loam and General Work.*

Engineers: labor and materials . .	115 50	
	<hr/>	\$463 '01

## MAINTENANCE.

*Grounds, Walks, Drainage and General Work.*

Grounds: labor and materials . . .	\$708 42		
Skating: labor and materials . . .	214 84		
Engineers: labor and materials . . .	74 74		
General work: materials . . . . .	7 00		
	<hr/>	1,005 00	
		<hr/>	1,468 01

## PRINCE STREET PLAYGROUND.

## LAND.

Amount paid for land . . . . .	\$19,500 00
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## MAINTENANCE.

*Grounds, Walks, Drainage and General Work.*

Grounds: labor and materials . . .	\$205 50		
Engineers: labor . . . . .	13 50		
Walks: labor . . . . .	6 33		
	<hr/>	225 33	
		<hr/>	10,725 33

Amount carried forward,

\$348,697 49

Amount brought forward,

\$348,697 49

## MYSTIC PLAYGROUND.

## MAINTENANCE.

*Grounds, Walks, Buildings, Drainage and General Work.*

Children's Gymnasium —

Apparatus and shelter: labor and materials,	\$835 40
Grounds: labor and materials . . . . .	677 31
Fence: materials . . . . .	61 67
Walks: labor . . . . .	28 75
Engineers: labor . . . . .	23 50
General work: materials . . . . .	16 35

1,642 98

## FELLOWS STREET PLAYGROUND.

## MAINTENANCE.

*Grounds, Walks, Buildings, Drainage and General Work.*

Grounds: labor and materials . . . . .	\$633 85
Children's gymnasium —	
Apparatus and shelter: labor and materials,	546 43
Water supply: materials . . . . .	93 50
General work: labor and materials . . . . .	48 43
Loam: materials . . . . .	41 29
Engineers: labor . . . . .	27 00
Drainage: materials . . . . .	5 52
Walks: labor . . . . .	4 00
Skating: labor . . . . .	2 75

1,402 77

## CHRISTOPHER GIBSON PLAYGROUND.

## MAINTENANCE.

*Grounds, Walks, Buildings, Drainage and General Work.*

Grounds: labor and materials . . . . .	\$836 80
Children's gymnasium —	
Apparatus: labor and materials . . . . .	486 77
Buildings: labor and materials . . . . .	345 45
Skating: labor and materials . . . . .	342 71
Engineers: labor . . . . .	21 75
Loam: materials . . . . .	17 04
General work: materials . . . . .	15 77
Walks: labor . . . . .	2 00

2,068 29

## ROGERS PARK.

## CONSTRUCTION.

*Grading, Loam and General Work.*

Engineers: labor . . . . .	\$8 50
Grading: labor . . . . .	2 00
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	\$10 50

Amounts carried forward,

\$10 50	<hr/>	\$353,811 53
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Amounts brought forward, \$10 50 \$353,811 53

## MAINTENANCE.

*Grounds, Walks, Drainage and General Work.*

Grounds: labor and materials . . . .	\$731 76		
Filling: materials . . . .	306 75		
Drainage: materials . . . .	23 70		
General work: materials . . . .	8 33		
Engineers: labor . . . .	6 50		
	<u>1,077 04</u>		
		<u>1,087 54</u>	

## COLUMBUS AVENUE PLAYGROUND.

## LAND.

Amount paid for land . . . .	\$39,569 08	
Expenses . . . .	23 63	
	<u>\$39,592 71</u>	

## MAINTENANCE.

*Grounds, Walks, Buildings, Drainage and General Work.*

Grounds: labor and materials . . . .	\$1,576 98		
Skating: labor and materials . . . .	1,025 11		
General work: materials . . . .	147 66		
Walks: labor . . . .	61 17		
Engineers: labor . . . .	50 25		
Fence: materials . . . .	41 55		
Gymnasium apparatus: labor and materials . . . .	39 05		
Buildings: labor and materials . . . .	23 95		
Drainage: labor . . . .	15 64		
Loam: materials . . . .	13 83		
	<u>2,995 19</u>		
		<u>42,587 90</u>	

## ASHMONT PLAYGROUND.

## LAND.

Amount paid for land . . . .	\$43,267 91	
Expenses . . . .	635 00	
	<u>\$43,902 91</u>	

## MAINTENANCE.

*Grounds and Walks.*

Engineers: labor . . . .	42 00	
	<u>43,944 91</u>	

## SAVIN HILL PLAYGROUND.

## MAINTENANCE.

*Grounds, Walks, Buildings, Drainage and General Work.*

Grounds: labor and materials . . . .	\$503 32	
Bath-house: labor and materials . . . .	297 13	
	<u>\$800 45</u>	
Amounts carried forward,	\$800 45	\$441,431 88



<i>Amounts brought forward,</i>	\$800 45	\$441,431 88
Filling: materials . . . . .	214 34	
Engineers: labor . . . . .	17 00	
General work: materials . . . . .	1 54	
	<hr/>	1,033 33

## ROSLINDALE PLAYGROUND.

## MAINTENANCE.

*Grounds, Walks, Drainage and General Work.*

Grounds: labor and materials . . . . .	\$666 08	
Skating: labor and materials . . . . .	418 91	
Drainage: labor . . . . .	251 44	
Engineers: labor . . . . .	60 50	
Fence: materials . . . . .	17 13	
General work: materials . . . . .	13 24	
Gymnasium apparatus: materials . . . . .	13 21	
Buildings: labor and materials . . . . .	12 44	
Walks: labor . . . . .	2 00	
	<hr/>	1,454 95

## FOREST HILLS PLAYGROUND.

## LAND.

Amount paid for land . . . . .	\$25,000 00	
Expenses . . . . .	10 00	
	<hr/>	\$25,010 00

## MAINTENANCE.

*Grounds and Walks.*

Grounds: labor and materials . . . . .	129 07	
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## PLAYGROUND, WARD 2.

## LAND.

Amount paid for land . . . . .	\$46,982 32	
Expenses . . . . .	20 00	
	<hr/>	\$47,002 32

## MAINTENANCE.

*Grounds and Walks.*

Grounds: labor and materials . . . . .	\$304 83	
Engineers: labor . . . . .	10 00	
	<hr/>	314 83
	<hr/>	47,317 15

## TRINITY TRIANGLE.

## MAINTENANCE.

*Grounds and Walks.*

Walks: labor . . . . .	2 00	
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<i>Amount carried forward,</i>		\$516,378 38

*Amount brought forward,*

\$516,378 38

## BERNERS SQUARE.

## CONSTRUCTION.

*Lawns and Woods.*

Labor . . . . . \$157 48

*Plantations.*

Labor . . . . .	1 97	
	<hr/>	\$159 45

## MAINTENANCE.

*Grounds and Walks.*

Grounds: labor . . . . .	7 00	
	<hr/>	166 45

## OAK SQUARE.

## CONSTRUCTION.

*Grading, Loam, and General Work.*

Grading: labor . . . . . \$320 51

## MAINTENANCE.

*Grounds and Walks.*

Grounds: labor . . . . .	\$15 25	
Engineers: labor . . . . .	13 50	
Walks: labor . . . . .	8 00	
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		357 26

## PLAYGROUNDS.

## INVESTIGATING SITES.

Engineers: labor . . . . . 17 00

## OFFICE EXPENSES.

## MAINTENANCE.

Salaries . . . . .	\$7,854 00	
Printing . . . . .	748 88	
Carriage-hire . . . . .	715 50	
Telephones and expenses . . . . .	478 14	
Travelling expenses . . . . .	82 50	
Advertising . . . . .	71 03	
Stationery . . . . .	65 38	
Office library . . . . .	40 97	
	<hr/>	10,056 40
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		\$526,975 49
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## III.

## General Exhibit of Appropriations, 1902-1903.

OBJECTS OF APPROPRIATION.	Page.	Balances, January 31, 1902.	Appropriations and Transfers, 1902-1903.	Total Credits.	Expenditures, 1902-1903.	Balances, January 31, 1903.
Public Parks, Land and Construction .....	49	.....	\$160,000 00	\$160,000 00	\$44,745 58	\$115,254 42
Chestnut Hill Park .....	49	\$88,784 79	.....	88,784 79	88,784 79	.....
Playgrounds.....	49	130,569 92	.....	130,569 92	23 63	88,761 16
Speedway, Franklin Field.....	50	25,000 00	.....	25,000 00	128,022 62	2,547 30
Columbia Road .....	50	.....	.....	.....	.....	25,000 00
Billings Field .....	50	.....	32,235 61	32,235 61	32,235 61	.....
Strandway .....	50	3,249 76	.....	3,249 76	3,249 76	.....
Playground, Ward 2.....	50	209,619 23	.....	209,619 23	38,631 52	170,987 71
Gymnasium, First-street Playground.....	51	25,000 00	25,000 00	50,000 00	47,002 32	2,997 68
Parks, Brighton District .....	51	9,550 00	6,000 00	15,550 00	463 01	15,086 99
Playground, Ward 22 .....	51	25,000 00	.....	25,000 00	23,954 70	1,045 30
Park Department, Maintenance.....	51	30,000 00	.....	30,000 00	.....	30,000 00
Playground, Wards 7 and 9.....	51	.....	208,586 74	208,586 74	208,586 74	.....
Castle Island, Sanitary Building.....	52	.....	300,000 00	300,000 00	.....	300,000 00
Dorchester Park, Gymnastic Apparatus.....	52	.....	3,000 00	3,000 00	.....	3,000 00
Charlestown Playground, Sanitary Building, etc.....	52	.....	2,000 00	2,000 00	.....	2,000 00
Mystic Playground, Gymnastic Apparatus.....	52	.....	7,500 00	7,500 00	.....	7,500 00
Columbus-avenue Playground, Sanitary Building.....	52	.....	2,500 00	2,500 00	.....	2,500 00
Ashmont Playground, Gymnastic Apparatus, etc.....	52	.....	10,000 00	10,000 00	.....	10,000 00
Neponset Playground, Sanitary and Shelter.....	53	.....	4,000 00	4,000 00	.....	4,000 00
Wood Island Park, Sanitary and Shelter.....	53	.....	5,000 00	5,000 00	.....	5,000 00
		.....	10,000 00	10,000 00	.....	10,000 00
		\$546,773 70	\$775,882 35	\$1,322,656 05	\$526,975 49	\$795,680 56

## IV.

*Appropriations and Balances in Detail for the Financial Year 1902-1903.*

## PUBLIC PARKS.

Loan authorized June 16, 1902	.	.	.	\$5,000 00
" " September 19, 1902	.	.	.	25,000 00
" " October 30, 1902	.	.	.	30,000 00
" " but not issued	.	.	.	100,000 00
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				<u>\$160,000 00</u>

## EXPENDITURES.

Commonwealth Avenue	.	.	.	.	.	\$1,541 08
Fens	.	.	.	.	.	1,652 00
Riverway	.	.	.	.	.	2,486 06
Olmsted Park	.	.	.	.	.	3,702 80
Arborway	.	.	.	.	.	687 51
Arnold Arboretum and Bussey Park	.	.	.	.	.	474 52
West Roxbury Parkway	.	.	.	.	.	601 22
Franklin Park	.	.	.	.	.	24,466 35
Marine Park	.	.	.	.	.	850 19
Wood Island Park	.	.	.	.	.	451 17
Charlesbank	.	.	.	.	.	469 38
Charlestown Heights	.	.	.	.	.	248 51
Dorchester Park	.	.	.	.	.	1,448 84
Franklin Field	.	.	.	.	.	2,920 51
Copp's Hill Terraces	.	.	.	.	.	7 25
Chestnut Hill Park	.	.	.	.	.	1,869 07
Columbia Road	.	.	.	.	.	378 66
Berners Square	.	.	.	.	.	159 45
Rogers Park	.	.	.	.	.	10 50
Oak Square	.	.	.	.	.	320 51
Balance unexpended January 31, 1903	.	.	.	.	.	115,254 42
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						<u>\$160,000 00</u>

CHESTNUT HILL PARK (*Land*).

Balance unexpended January 31, 1902	.	.	.	.	.	<u>\$88,784 79</u>
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## EXPENDITURES.

Expenses on account of land	.	.	.	.	.	\$23 63
Balance unexpended January 31, 1903	.	.	.	.	.	88,761 16
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						<u>\$88,784 79</u>

PLAYGROUNDS (*Land*).

Balance unexpended January 31, 1902	.	.	.	.	.	<u>\$130,569 92</u>
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## EXPENDITURES.

Ashmont Playground . . . . .	\$43,902 91	
Columbus-avenue Playground . . . . .	39,592 71	
Forest Hills Playground . . . . .	25,010 00	
Prince-street Playground . . . . .	19,500 00	
Playgrounds, investigating sites . . . . .	17 00	
Balance unexpended January 31, 1903 . . . . .	<u>2,547 30</u>	<u>\$130,569 92</u>

## SPEEDWAY, FRANKLIN FIELD.

Loan authorized January 5, 1901 . . . . .	<u>\$25,000 00</u>
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## EXPENDITURES.

Balance unexpended January 31, 1903 . . . . .	<u>\$25,000 00</u>
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## COLUMBIA ROAD.

Proportion of highway loan, issued as Public Park Loan, in year 1902, under Chap. 319, Acts of 1897 . . . . .	<u>\$32,295 61</u>
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## EXPENDITURES.

Paid on account of land . . . . .	\$537 84	
Paid on account of construction . . . . .	<u>31,757 77</u>	<u>\$32,295 61</u>

## BILLINGS FIELD.

Balance unexpended January 31, 1902 . . . . .	<u>\$3,249 76</u>
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## EXPENDITURES.

Paid on account of construction . . . . .	<u>\$3,249 76</u>
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## STRANDWAY.

Balance unexpended January 31, 1902 . . . . .	<u>\$209,619 23</u>
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## EXPENDITURES.

Expenses on account of land . . . . .	\$950 00	
Paid on account of construction . . . . .	37,681 52	
Balance unexpended January 31, 1903 . . . . .	<u>170,987 71</u>	<u>\$209,619 23</u>

## PLAYGROUND, WARD 2.

Loan authorized October 22, 1901 . . . . .	\$25,000 00	
Loan authorized October 30, 1902 . . . . .	<u>25,000 00</u>	
		<u>\$50,000 00</u>

## EXPENDITURES.

Paid on account of land . . . . .	\$47,002 32	
Balance unexpended January 31, 1903 . . . . .	<u>2,997 68</u>	<u>\$50,000 00</u>



## GYMNASIUM, FIRST-STREET PLAYGROUND.

Loan authorized November 1, 1901 . . . . .	\$9,550 00	
Loan authorized October 30, 1902, but not issued . . . . .	6,000 00	
	<u>          </u>	<u>\$15,550 00</u>

## EXPENDITURES.

Paid on account of construction . . . . .	\$463 01	
Balance unexpended January 31, 1903 . . . . .	15,086 99	
	<u>          </u>	<u>\$15,550 00</u>

## PARKS, BRIGHTON DISTRICT.

Loan authorized December 18, 1901 . . . . .	\$25,000 00	
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## EXPENDITURES.

Paid on account of land . . . . .	\$23,954 70	
Balance unexpended January 31, 1903 . . . . .	1,045 30	
	<u>          </u>	<u>\$25,000 00</u>

## PLAYGROUND, WARD 22.

Loan authorized January 4, 1902, but not issued . . . . .	\$30,000 00	
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## EXPENDITURES.

Balance unexpended January 31, 1903 . . . . .	\$30,000 00	
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## PLAYGROUND, WARDS 7 AND 9.

Loan authorized October 30, 1902, but not issued . . . . .	\$300,000 00	
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## EXPENDITURES.

Balance unexpended January 31, 1903 . . . . .	\$300,000 00	
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## PARK DEPARTMENT.

## MAINTENANCE.

Appropriation for financial year 1902-1903 . . . . .	\$200,000 00	
Amount contributed by abutters, Commonwealth avenue . . . . .	5,000 00	
Amount transferred by City Auditor . . . . .	2,208 32	
Collections on account of labor credited to appropriation . . . . .	1,378 42	
	<u>          </u>	<u>\$208,586 74</u>

## EXPENDITURES.

Paid on account of maintenance as per Exhibit, page 20 . . . . .	\$208,586 74	
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## INCOME.

## RECEIPTS.

Received from rents, sale of buildings, wool, sheep, grass, wood, etc. . . . .	\$2,727 37	
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## PAYMENTS.

Income carried to General City Income . . . . .	\$2,727 37	
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## ASHMONT PLAYGROUND.

Loan for grading and gymnastic apparatus, authorized October 30, 1902, but not issued . . . . .	<u>\$4,000 00</u>
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## EXPENDITURES.

Balance unexpended January 31, 1903 . . . . .	<u>\$4,000 00</u>
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## CASTLE ISLAND.

Loan for sanitary building, authorized October 30, 1902, but not issued . . . . .	<u>\$3,000 00</u>
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## EXPENDITURES.

Balance unexpended January 31, 1903 . . . . .	<u>\$3,000 00</u>
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## CHARLESTOWN PLAYGROUND.

Loan for gymnastic apparatus, shelter and sanitary, authorized October 30, 1902, but not issued . . . . .	<u>\$7,500 00</u>
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## EXPENDITURES.

Balance unexpended January 31, 1903 . . . . .	<u>\$7,500 00</u>
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## COLUMBUS-AVENUE PLAYGROUND.

Loan for sanitary building authorized October 30, 1902, but not issued . . . . .	<u>\$10,000 00</u>
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## EXPENDITURES.

Balance unexpended January 31, 1903 . . . . .	<u>\$10,000 00</u>
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## DORCHESTER PARK.

Loan for open-air gymnasium, authorized October 30, 1902, but not issued . . . . .	<u>\$2,000 00</u>
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## EXPENDITURES.

Balance unexpended January 31, 1903 . . . . .	<u>\$2,000 00</u>
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## MYSTIC PLAYGROUND.

Loan for gymnastic apparatus, authorized October 30, 1902, but not issued . . . . .	<u>\$2,500 00</u>
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## EXPENDITURES.

Balance unexpended January 31, 1903 . . . . .	<u>\$2,500 00</u>
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## NEPONSET PLAYGROUND.

Loan for shelter and sanitary building, authorized October 30, 1902, but not issued . . . . .	<u>\$5,000 00</u>
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## EXPENDITURES.

Balance unexpended January 31, 1903 . . . . .	<u>\$5,000 00</u>
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## WOOD ISLAND PARK.

Loan for shelter and sanitary building, authorized October 30, 1902, but not issued . . . . .	<u>\$10,000 00</u>
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## EXPENDITURES.

Balance unexpended January 31, 1903 . . . . .	<u>\$10,000 00</u>
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## V.

*Summary of Expenditures on Account of Public Parks and  
Playgrounds, Land, Construction and Betterments, from the  
Organization of the Board, October 8, 1875, to January  
31, 1903.*

## LAND.

## Main Park System:

Fens . . . . .	\$596,254 49	
Riverway . . . . .	457,457 53	
Olmsted Park . . . . .	1,081,947 60	
Arborway . . . . .	245,584 25	
Arnold Arboretum and Bus-		
sey Park . . . . .	79,343 65	
West Roxbury Parkway . .	135,265 29	
Franklin Park . . . . .	1,551,196 63	
	<hr/>	\$4,147,049 44

## Marine Park System:

Columbia Road . . . . .	\$396,371 07	
Dorchesterway . . . . .	63,735 54	
Strandway . . . . .	566,446 17	
Marine Park . . . . .	232,972 57	
	<hr/>	1,259,525 35
Wood Island Park . . . . .		132,800 00
Charlesbank . . . . .		373,916 99
Trinity Triangle . . . . .		30,000 00
Charlestown Heights . . . . .		50,538 02
Charlestown Playground . .		172,923 31
Dorchester Park . . . . .		63,955 37
Franklin Field . . . . .		157,341 22
North End Beach . . . . .		328,364 44
Copp's Hill Terraces . . . . .		90,858 19
Chestnut Hill Park . . . . .		85,193 54
North Brighton Playground .		22,107 12
Neponset Playground . . . . .		24,804 39
Billings Field . . . . .		47,068 98
Freeport-street Triangle . .		4,000 00
Prince-street Playground . .		180,474 70
Mystic Playground . . . . .		50,125 00
Fellows-street Playground . .		14,503 72
Christopher Gibson Playground		37,709 58
Columbus-avenue Playground .		327,503 84
Ashmont Playground . . . . .		43,990 09
Savin Hill Playground . . . . .		27,147 30
Roslindale Playground . . . .		24,825 11
Forest Hills Playground . . .		25,166 75
Playground, Ward 2 . . . . .		47,002 32
Playgrounds, Investigating sites		192 79
	<hr/>	\$7,769,087 56

## CONSTRUCTION.

## Main Park System:

Commonwealth avenue . . .	\$109,450 36
Fens . . . . .	2,138,674 08

*Amounts carried forward, \$2,248,124 44*

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\$7,769,087 56

<i>Amounts brought forward,</i>		\$2,248,124 44	\$7,769,087 56
Riverway . . . .	667,371 20		
Olmsted Park . . . .	726,782 94		
Arborway . . . .	380,441 96		
Arnold Arboretum and Bussey Park . . . .	380,352 44		
West Roxbury Parkway . .	21,183 19		
Franklin Park . . . .	2,375,143 30		
	<hr/>	\$6,799,399 47	
<b>Marine Park System:</b>			
Columbia Road . . . .	\$332,776 83		
Dorchesterway . . . .	65,187 12		
Strandway . . . .	339,340 20		
Marine Park . . . .	1,052,726 33		
Castle Island . . . .	32,685 55		
	<hr/>	1,822,716 03	
Wood Island Park . . . .		248,717 21	
Charlesbank . . . .		313,229 88	
Charlestown Heights . . . .		102,991 38	
Charlestown Playground . . . .		15,392 01	
Dorchester Park . . . .		11,529 97	
Franklin Field . . . .		91,085 72	
North End Beach . . . .		169,262 27	
Copp's Hill Terraces . . . .		31,980 96	
Chestnut Hill Park . . . .		5,112 24	
North Brighton Playground . . . .		10,503 27	
Neponset Playground . . . .		11,189 35	
Billings Field . . . .		16,737 57	
First-street Playground . . . .		10,017 86	
Prince-street Playground . . . .		33 90	
Mystic Playground . . . .		1,717 99	
Fellows-street Playground . . . .		1,496 28	
Christopher Gibson Playground . . . .		10,042 75	
Columbus-avenue Playground . . . .		5,922 89	
Savin Hill Playground . . . .		5,536 14	
Roslindale Playground . . . .		5,597 31	
Rogers Park . . . .		2,010 50	
Berners Square . . . .		159 45	
Oak Square . . . .		320 51	
General Account . . . .		73,987 50	
Park Nursery . . . .		29,947 07	
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## BETTERMENTS.

Betterment expenses . . . . .	13,356 10
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	\$17,579,081 14

## VI.

**Park Betterments Collected by City Collector.  
To February 1, 1903.**

	Assessm'ts committed to Collector.	Abated.	Net Assess- ments.	Collected.	Outstand- ing Feb. 1, 1903.
Public Park, Back Bay....	\$434,600 00	\$144,195 73	\$290,404 27	\$290,404 27	
Marine Park.....	23,543 00	12,616 80	10,926 20	10,926 20	
Franklin Park.....	135,029 00	122,000 66	13,028 34	13,028 34	
Parkway, Old Harbor....	60,789 00	50,426 00	10,363 00	8,256 00	\$2,107 00
“ Muddy River...	108,972 00	82,252 25	26,719 75	22,862 75	3,857 00
“ West Roxbury..	154,107 00	113,658 00	40,449 00	31,763 00	8,686 00
“ Dorchester.....	9,713 00	3,055 54	6,657 46	5,927 74	729 72
	\$926,753 00	\$528,204 98	\$398,548 02	\$383,168 30	\$15,379 72

## VII.

**Public Park and Playground Debt.**

*Liabilities.*

Total loan outstanding, January 31, 1903:

Public Park. . . . . \$14,357,300 00

\* Playgrounds . . . . . 946,610 98

\$15,303,910 98

*Resources.*

Resources of Sinking Fund, January 31, 1903 . . . 4,312,189 35

Net Debt, January 31, 1903 . . . . . 10,991,721 63

\* Of this amount \$2,454.15 was expended by the Public Grounds Department.



## Park Statistics to January 31, 1903.

PARKS.	Year of Taking.	COST TO DATE.			Area.	Length of Drive-ways.	Length of Walks.	Length of Rides.	Area of Ponds and Rivers.
		Land.	Construction.	Total.					
MAIN PARK SYSTEM:									
Commonwealth avenue.....	1894.....	.....	\$109,450 36	\$109,450 36	30 acres.....	2.8 miles	4.13 miles		
* Fens .....	1879.....	\$596,254 49	2,138,674 08	2,734,928 57	115 " .....	4 "	6.7 "	1.1 miles	28 acres
* † Riverway .....	1890 .....	457,457 53	667,371 20	1,124,828 73	40 " .....	1.4 "	2.8 "	1.2 "	8 "
* † Olmsted Park .....	1890 and 1892	1,081,947 60	726,782 94	1,808,730 54	180 " .....	2.7 "	5.8 "	1.6 "	77 "
* Arborway.....	1892.....	245,584 25	380,441 96	626,026 21	36 " .....	3.4 "	1.25 "	1.4 "	
* Arnold Arboretum.....	1882 and 1895	79,343 65	380,352 44	459,696 09	223 " .....	3.4 "	5.65 "	.....	0.6 acre
* West Roxbury Parkway....	1894.....	135,265 29	21,183 19	156,448 48	150 " .....	2.8 "	4.3 "	2.4 "	
* Franklin Park.....	1883 and 1884	1,551,196 63	2,375,143 30	3,926,339 93	527 " .....	7.3 "	14.5 "	1 mile	7.4 acres
MARINE PARK SYSTEM:									
Columbia Road.....	1899.....	396,371 07	332,776 83	729,147 90					
* Dorchesterway .....	1892.....	63,735 54	65,187 12	128,922 66	{ 94 " land } { 200 " flats }	4.2 "	4.5 "		
Strandway .....	{ 1890, 1892 } { 1897 and } { 1901 }	566,446 17	339,340 20	905,786 37					
* Marine Park.....	1883.....	232,972 57	1,052,726 33	1,285,698 90	{ 34 " land } { 150 " flats }	0.5 mile	1.3 "	.....	4.4 "
Carried forward.....	.....	\$5,406,574 79	\$8,580,429 95	\$13,996,004 74	1,779 acres.....	32.5 miles	50.93 miles	8.7 miles	125.4 acres

Park Statistics to January 31, 1903. — Continued.

PARKS.	Year of Taking.	COST TO DATE.			Area.	Length of Drive-ways.	Length of Walks.	Length of Rides.	Area of Ponds and Rivers.
		Land.	Construction.	Total.					
<i>Brought forward</i> .....	.....	\$5,406,574 79	\$3,580,429 95	\$13,996,004 74	1,779 acres.	32.5 miles.	50.93 miles.	8.7 miles.	125.4 acres
* Castle Island.....	1890 .....	.....	32,685 55	32,685 55	{ 21 " land. 83 " flats.	.....	.....	.....	.....
* WOOD ISLAND PARK.....	1882 and 1891 .....	132,800 00	248,717 21	381,517 21	{ 46 " land 165 " flats }	0.3 mile.	2.1 "	"	"
* CHARLESBANK.....	1883.....	373,916 99	313,229 88	687,146 87	10 "	.....	1.5 "	"	"
* TRINITY TRIANGLE.....	1885.....	30,000 00	.....	30,000 00	0.12 acre.	.....	.....	.....	.....
* CHARLESTOWN HEIGHTS.....	1891.....	50,538 02	102,991 38	153,529 40	{ 4 acres land 6 " flats }	.....	0.4 mile.	.....	.....
* CHARLESTOWN PLAYGROUND.....	1891.....	172,923 31	15,392 01	188,315 32	{ 14 " land 4 " flats }	.....	0.6 "	"	"
* DORCHESTER PARK.....	1891 and 1903 .....	63,955 37	11,529 97	75,485 34	26 "	.....	.....	.....	.....
* FRANKLIN FIELD.....	1892.....	157,341 22	91,085 72	248,426 94	77 "	.....	.....	.....	.....
* NORTH END BEACH.....	1893.....	328,364 44	169,262 27	497,626 71	{ 2.7 " land. 4 " flats.	.....	.....	.....	.....
* COPP'S HILL TERRACES.....	1893.....	90,858 19	31,980 96	122,839 15	0.6 acre.	.....	0.11 "	"	"
* CHESTNUT HILL PARK.....	{ 1898, 1899 and 1902 }	85,193 54	5,112 24	90,305 78	55.4 acres.	1.4 miles.	.....	.....	.....
* NORTH BRIGHTON PLAY- GROUND.....	1894.....	22,107 12	10,503 27	32,610 39	14 "	.....	.....	.....	.....
* NEPONSET PLAYGROUND.....	1896.....	24,804 39	11,189 35	35,993 74	18 "	.....	.....	.....	.....
* BILLINGS FIELD.....	1896.....	47,068 98	16,737 57	63,806 55	11 "	.....	.....	.....	.....
* FIRST STREET PLAYGROUND	1897.....	.....	10,017 86	10,017 86	4.6 "	.....	0.4 "	"	"
<i>Carried forward</i> .....	.....	\$6,986,446 36	\$9,659,865 19	\$16,646,311 55	2,345.42 acres.	34.2 miles.	56.04 miles.	8.7 miles.	125.4 acres.

## Park Statistics to January 31, 1903. — Continued.

PARKS.	Year of Taking.	COST TO DATE.			Area.	Length of Drive-ways.	Length of Walks.	Length of Rides.	Area of Ponds and Rivers.
		Land.	Construction.	Total.					
<i>Brought forward.....</i>	.....				2,345.42 acres.	34.2 miles.	56.04 miles.	8.7 miles.	125.4 acres.
*    FREEPORT STREET TRI-ANGLE.....	1897.....	\$6,980,446 36	\$9,059,865 19	\$16,040,311 55					
		4,000 00	.....	4,000 00	0.14 acre.				
* PRINCE STREET PLAY-GROUND.....	{ 1897, 1899 } { and 1901 }	180,474 70	33 90	180,508 60	0.4 "				
* MYSTIC PLAYGROUND.....	1897.....	50,125 00	1,717 99	51,842 99	2.3 acres.				
** FELLOWS STREET PLAY-GROUND.....	1897.....	14,503 72	1,496 28	16,000 00	0.85 acre.				
* CHRISTOPHER GIBSON PLAY-GROUND.....	1897.....	37,709 58	10,042 75	47,752 33	5.8 "				
* COLUMBUS AVENUE PLAY-GROUND.....	{ 1899, 1900, } { 1901, 1902 }	327,503 84	5,922 89	333,426 73	5.0 "				
* ASHMONT PLAYGROUND.....	1899.....	43,990 09	.....	43,990 09	2.2 "				
* SAVIN HILL PLAYGROUND..	1899.....	27,147 30	5,536 14	32,683 44	{ 6 acres land, 12.6 " flats.				
* ROSINDALE PLAYGROUND..	1899.....	24,825 11	5,597 31	30,422 42	3.7 "				
2 FOREST HILLS PLAYGROUND,	1902.....	25,166 75	.....	25,166 75	9.6 "				
§ ROGERS PARK.....	1899.....	.....	2,010 50	2,010 50	6.9 "				
3 BERNERS SQUARE.....	1901.....	.....	159 45	159 45	1.2 "				
4 OAK SQUARE.....	1902.....	.....	320 51	320 51	0.22 acre.				
<i>Carried forward .....</i>	.....	\$7,721,892 45	\$9,692,702 91	\$17,414,595 36	2,402.33 acres.	34.2 miles.	56.04 miles.	8.7 miles.	125.4 acres.

## Park Statistics to January 31, 1903.—Concluded.

PARKS.	Year of Taking.	COST TO DATE.			Area.	Length of Drive-ways.	Length of Walks.	Length of Rides.	Area of Ponds and Rivers.
		Land.	Construction.	Total.					
<i>Brought forward</i> .....	.....	\$7,721,892 45	\$9,692,702 91	\$17,414,595 36	2,402.33 acres.	34.2 miles.	56.04 miles.	8.7 miles.	125.4 acres
PLAYGROUND, WARD 2.....	1902.....	47,002 32	.....	47,002 32	3.85 acres.				
LAND FOR PLAYGROUNDS, EXECUTIONS, ETC.....	.....	168 79	.....	168 79					
PLAYGROUNDS, INVESTIGATING SITES.....	.....	24 00	.....	24 00					
General account.....	.....	\$7,769,087 56	\$9,692,702 91	\$17,461,790 47					
Park Nursery.....	.....	.....	73,987 50	73,987 50					
Betterment Expenses.....	.....	.....	29,947 07	29,947 07					
	.....	.....	13,356 10	13,356 10					
	.....	\$7,769,087 56	\$9,809,993 58	\$17,579,081 14	2,406.18 acres.	34.2 miles.	56.04 miles.	8.7 miles.	125.4 acres.

\* The lands in these parks and playgrounds have been paid for in full.

† An additional area of 16½ acres is within the limits of the town of Brookline.

‡ An additional area of 18 acres is within the limits of the town of Brookline.

§ 149 acres transferred from Water Department, an additional area of 160.65 acres, including water area of 122.70 acres, is under the control of the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Board.

|| Transferred from Public Grounds Department. Original cost of Rogers Park land, \$30,000.

\*\* Transferred to Street Department.

†† 25,470 square feet transferred from Public Grounds Department.

‡‡ Custody given to city by Act of Congress.

§§ 10.3 acres additional, taken from Harvard College in 1900, to be abandoned.

¶ Originally dedicated for a square by David Sears.

\* Transferred from School Department.

Of the above total lengths of driveways, walks, and rides, there have been completed to date, respectively, 29.88 miles, 46.84 miles, and 6.3 miles.









